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"This is further endorsed by the highest ownership level being in the $A B$ socio-economic groupings (midide class), decreasing progressively down the groupings."

But it points out: "Over half the adult population has no desire to buy a home computer.
"This rating is highest among women ( 64 per cent). The rating grows from 38 per cent of feenagers to 80 per cent of those over 65 and from 38 per cent of the AB grouping to 70 per cent of the E grouping.
'The consumer research, therefore, suggests a potential market for home computers of over $31 / 2 m$ units.
"The "very high desire to buy' segment of this demand will account for about I $1 / 3 \mathrm{~m}$ of these uniss. This group is likely to respond to its desire sooner rather than later."

Last year' Mintel says, 356,000 home computers worth $£ 664 \mathrm{~m}$ at retail prices were sold. Software worth £ 160 m and peripherals valued at $£ 100 \mathrm{~m}$ were also purchased.

Half the sales of computers were in the Christmas shopping period. And for each month sales broke down into 72 per
cent hardware, peripherals 10 per cent and software 18 per cent.

The exception was January when, following Christmas computer buying, software sales doubled their proportion.

Mintel finds price cutting in high street shops "*a slrange aspect" and says: "This may be to attract market share or to destock in anticipation of new product replacing those currently available."

It expects this trend to continue into the second half of the 80 s with the rate of fall easing. Prices could drop by up to 15 per cent a year.

And Mincel says high sireet muleiples may well bring ous their "own brand" computers,

It says, however, that multiple retailers were not looked on favourably because busy shops made service difficule, after. sales care was poor and training had been inadequate.

Specialist computer chains had been strengthening their position by providing Irained staff, technicians and engineers on hand and other facilties for buyers.

Mintel sees specialist chains like Laskys as growing and ever more significant element but mail order is estimated to fall to 12 per cent from last
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Home computer polential purchasers. Source: British Market Research Bureau/Mintel

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| Sinclair | 68 | 40 |
| Commodore | 11 | 18 |
| Acorn BBC Micro | 4 | 8 |
| Atari | 4 | 6 |
| Dragon 32 | 4 | 4 |
| Other | 9 | 24 |

Home computer sales in 1982. Source: Mintel estimates
year's 17 per cent,
Estimares of the share of trade this year (last year in brackets) give W.H. Smith 18 per cent (17), Tandy 12 (12), Laskys 5 (3), Spectrum 8 (5), Currys/Micro C 7 (4), Gireens 4
(5), Dixons 2 (3), Boots 2 (2).

Mintel's report, Home Computers, also goes into detail about other aspects of the market. It costs 895.
Mintel, 7 Arundel Street, London WC2R 3DR

## Cable games

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satellite TV and headed by 37-year-old Francis Baron.
W.H. Smith has signed a deal with The Games Network, of Los Angeles, to distribute its services in the UK and Eire.

It says that The Giames Network has a large and growing library of games - about 25 per cent educational - and suitable for all ages.
Although at the starl the programs would come from America, there were plans to develop new games in Britain for distribution here and around the world.
W.H. Smish's chairman Simon Hornby said: "Although we decided, after a great deal of
research, not to join a consortium for investment in the actual cable operations, we have been keeping a close watch for opportunities in this field.
"The Games Nelwork will be our first step into providing cable services, and we are sclting up this new Cable Services Division as we plan to introduce olher services for cable operators."
W.H. Sminh says it believes The Games Network will increase the overall market for compuler games.

The Games Network will be seen in oneration for the first time in Britain at the Cable and Satellite Television ' 83 Show at the Narional Exhibition Cersere, Birmingham, on September I]-14.

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## Learning at home

It just goes to show that you can't keep a good micro down.

After Sinclair's early setback in the educational market, when the Spectrum missed out on being chosen by the government for use in secondary schools, it has bounced back. It is now the first company to offer the Microelectronics Educational Programme range of educational software direet to consumers.

## Spectrum gets down to business

Oxford Computer Publishing has come up with two ways of making your Spectrum do some work for its living.

Finance Manager is intended for small business as well as home accounting, and has facilities to deal with automatic double entry, standing orders, account balances, new transactions, and bank statement reconciliation.

Address Manager is a filing, indexing and rerrieval system for over 400 addresses (in 48 K ).

Both programs are written in machine code and both cosi 28.95. Finance Manager is for the 48 K Specirum only.
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## Flling made simple

Simple Software, formerly specialists in programs for the Pel, are now branching out into material for the Commodore 64.
Simple's latest offering is Simply File, a disk based database management system for the 64 and Pet.

As the name suggests, the program is basically an electronic filing system which enables you to index, group and search for records by a number of crieteria.

It will also carry out calculations on goups of records, output information in the form of files for use with other programs, and if you've got a printer it will print out labeis and summaries of selecled groups of records.

Should you have the Simply Write wordprocessing package, it will work in conjunction with that 100. Capacity is about 400 records of 254 characiers each. Price: $£ 69$.
Simple Sofiware. 15 Havelock Road, Brighton, Susser BNI 6GL.

The Spectrum did get picked for use in primary schools, along with the BBC B and RML 480Z. The MEP range that Sinclair is now seiling was specially commissioned by the Department of Education for use with these three micros, and iscludes programs for maths, reading, language development and problem solving.

Sinclair believes that there still aren't enough micros in schools for children to make the most of the software range, and by selling it commercially, hopes to encourage learning at home 100 .
The four packs in the range each contain two software cassettes and full instructions, and cost £24.95 each.

Sinclair Research, Educational Division. Stanhope Rood, Camberley, Surrey GUIS 3 PS

## Cartoons on computers

Cartoon strips B.C. and The Wizard of Id are being tumed in10 a series of games and educational programs.
At first they will go on sale in America and Canada, but the Sydney Development Corporation says they will be coming to the U.K. soon.
Sydney has signed a licensing deal to use the characters created by award-winning U.S. cartoonist Johnny Hart. His strips appear in several U.K. newspapers, including London's Standard.

Over the next 18 monihs Sydney, based in Vancouver, plan to bring out eight programs - for computers like Atari and Commodore 64 - called Quest for Tires, Wiztype, Wizword, Wizlab, Wiznath, Wizspell, Dot to Dot Zot and Buag Juggler.

## Talking about maths

Children aged four to six can learn basic maths with a VIC-20 program which "speaks" to them, says Currah Computer Components.

Chattermaths, priced ar $£ 4.99$. generates its voice from word sounds to ask and answer the questions. Correct answers make a figure climb a ladder.

Currah says the program is the first of a range of educational "speechware" for different age groups.
Currah Compurer Componemes. Graythorp Industrial Estate, Hartlepool, Cleveland

## Price cuts that fuel micro wars

The millions upon millions of promotional pounds now being lavished on small computers ( $\$ 4 \mathrm{~m}$ from newcomer Matsel, $f 10 \mathrm{in}$ from veteran Commodore) underline one widespread and unforeseen side effect of the micro-electronics revolution. That is, to create so great a pnoduct proliferation as to destroy price levels, make competition a nightmare and utterly be wilder the consumer.

Since using the personal computer isself can be bewildering, the result is one of the strangest boom markers in history.

All over the world, people are buying sophisticated machintes in very large quantities und often at siff prices' even after a fll6 cut, the Commodore 64 still costs $£ 229$. Yer many purchasers are not using their new babies to anything thke their full porential. It's no longer inve, in the States at least, that the overwheiming home use is for playing infantile games. But early infancy is the present age of the computerised home.

Parudoxically, toy manufacturer Manel is now trying to make she home computter more adulf by offering a fl00 console that will save fucky purchasers the bother of switching on the light. But is the buyer wise to fork out $\$ 79.95$ for Motel's Aquarius offering, withour that optional exrra? Is the Sinclair Spectrum worth its few pounds more? And what about all the ahernatives, extant and on the way?

Because of the anfoctive potemiat of the market and the ease of design, manufacture and entry created by the chip. It's almost anybody's game.

So sweeping a spate of introductions ond innovations simply give the consumer foo much choice: rarional buying decisions have become as difficult in this marker as in hi-ft, whene again model proiffenerion is to blame. The consequences are already evident and inevitable.

The price wars that have forced down Sinciair's botromnof-the-range price to 529 in the Siates will become endemic in many markers. The office of the future, for instance, is likely so be hit by price wars even before that future has become reality.

The pace will plainly become loo hor for some. Already, Texas Instruments has run inso huge losses, while Timex fwhich makes Sinclaif's computers and markets them in the States/ has met some hedvy weasher. If is were to founder, or if Sir Clive's expected new offering fails to wow this oversupplied markel the outlook for Britain's pioneer would become thick with dark cloud -- especially now that the Americums are raising she advertising ante so stepply, while cutring prices ar sharply.

Truth has become os strange ws fiction. In 1967, when ivor Williams begor his Management Today series on a mythical company called Minipute, he thought up an obviously myshical product: the expendable computer.

At $\$ 29$, his dream has practically come irue. The only frouble is that is probably means many expendable companies.

## Robert Heller

Editor, Management Today
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## Clockwatching computers

Glanmive Electronics has developed a clock which allows the 2X81 and Spectrum to tell the time in months, days, hours, minutes and seconds,

## Software for a rare beast

If you own that rare beast the Lynx, a new company has come on to the scene to sell software for lt . Bus-Tech is Steve Pearson. Julia Hine and David Sims-Mindry, who hope to have their firsi programs ready to sell within a few weeks.
Though initially the company will be offering six arcade-type games - Lynx Muncher, Batile Brick, Death Ball, Zombie Panic, SS Orion and 3D Maze - the aim is to have some educational software and a graphics utility soon.
Meanwhile, with each order, Bus-Tech is giving away a simplified version of the graphics utility free. The games will be priced in the $£ 4.50-86.50$ range.
Bus-Tech, 19 Landport Terrace, Portsmouth, Honts

## Recorder discount

If you buy a Spectrum from Smiths, you can get a $E 10$ discount off the price of Smiths' own-brand computercompatible cassette recorder, the CCR800, which normaliy costs $£ 34.95$.

A Smiths spokeswoman said that the offer would be open 'indefinitely'.
W H Smith, Sirand House, 10 New Fetter Lane, London EC4 IAD
and to switch other devices on and off under program control.
The Time Controller normally uses the computer's own power supply, but contains a rechargeable battery which, so the makers say, would keep going for over $⿻$ ( year should the main power supply fail.

It has eight programmable inputs and outputs, and comes with full instructions to tell those with some knowledge of clectranics how to go about connecting up a light switch, burglat alarm, of whatever they might want to control.

Alternatively, if you really can't face the thought of dabbling in electronics, Glanmire is working on an interface which will allow external devices to simply plug into a socket.
The Time Controlier costs $£ 34.50$ for the $\mathbf{Z X 8 1}$ and $\mathbf{£ 3 8 . 5 0}$ for the Spectrum.
Glanmire. Westley House. Trinity Avenue, Bush Hill Park, Enfield EN/ IPH

## Fast lane to the show

If you're planning on going to the Personal Computer Worid Show at the Barbican next month, you can dodge the queues by sending off for "fast lane" tickets

As well as getting you into the show without having to wait, the tickets are cheaper than those bought on the day $-£^{2}$ instead of $£ 3$.

The show is on from 29 September to 2 October, from 10 am until 7 pm - apart from the Sunday, when the show closes at 5 pm .
Montbuild, II Manchester Square, London W/M 5AB

## Acme, son of Bug-Byte

Butg-Byte has spawned another new software company.

First some employecs left to set up Imagine, and now Alan Maton, 32, and his 26-year-old wife Soo have done the same.

Acme Software's home is a small office in The Albany, a building in ceniral Liverpool where Bug-Byte began.

Bug-Byte co-director Tony Milner said: "It tends to happen at this time of year, in time for the Chrisimas sales.
${ }^{4}$ Allan is a good friend of mine and we have have paried on amicable terms. 1 wish him the best of luck and I think he's going to need it. It's quite difficult to make a name for yourself now.
"You are dealing with a few large firms who know what they are doing and have been doing it for several years.
"I hope Alan makes it. He's got the knowledge and the get-up-and-8o."

Mr Maton, whose first four games go on sale in September, said: "You can't beat being your own boss. It's quite a challenge and f'm enjoying every minute of it.
"If I fail l've only got myself to blame, but if I succeed I will have one of the biggest heads around.'

At Bug-Byte Mr Maton was responsible for despatch and checking on stocks at dealers and distributors and Mrs Maton was Mr Milner's secretary,

They say all their gannes will cost 25 . Two of the first four are for the V1C-20: Alien, a space game, and Bridgeman, in which the player guides a man across bridges.

Connect Four is for the Lynx and Practically Impossible, a five-level abstract game, runs on the Spectrum.

The next release will be an adventure for the Oric and Colour Genic.

Acme will soon have its first employee, 16-year-old programmer Chris Cannon, whose job will be to evaluaie programs.

At firsi the programs will be sold by mail only and then, Mr Maton says, Acme will establish a dealer network and take on more staff.
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and then a progrtm so IPRINT the dita may ber

Tis roultive must be ac fivaled by the comenand GOTO to, as RUN would CLEAR AX. ABoIher method, perhaps not so latlumar, avolds the use of siring variables altogether, although it does utilise asir 'ng in eprogram line; th has The addilsonal benefir that the program can be RUN

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Of course. wse of the techmque need nol be limited to PRINT statements: the forms GOTO. EET X=… $I F$ YAL..." "data '(J...J + n) THEN ... can all be used, as wish miy olher value it a program line Nick Codwin, Eyemouth. Berwick:

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Alan Greenshielde. Egns Colbinn, Sralland

## Probinms with Vanguard

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the zone of drotds then you pro* ceed to the thext higher zonte, of grealer complexity. There are 20 zones in ali;
On your travels through the zones you are likely to meel masty humanoids who pant out your posstion to the enemy, deflectior beamif that rebound your shots, and caravans of camels \{Llamas?\}. When you get hit you expiode in molticolour shower of sparks with equally impresstve sound effects.

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64 owners should enjoy this game for dis graplacs and anginalty, but bear in mand uts farsly expensive.
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To infiltate the complex your sobon, Ancroid 1, must blast his way through the walls that surround each slage But remember to watch out for the aliens. The farther you get through the less predictable the guards become, and the more difisatult they are to avoid
The graphics are colourful and
the action ts accompanied wilh well-thnughtoon sound etfects. Androd I rums, suber than giden, across the wreen in an canclearing manner
There itre five skill levets - the most difficull seems ampossible. while the casess is fast enourph io be a challenge 1 here is ew wide chowe of keys bat controlleng the robol is difficult, Provishon is made for the Kempsion joysick
The comprethenswe on-screen insirtetions are attractivels presented. The game loaded in five stages, whith makes for a tong wall, bul there wese no loadtre problems

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The game gets rather boring afiet a while, despmet the sux play levels. If you arc unfutiunale emoush to find an alien before

## Mangrowe Commodors 64 E9.20

Supersoft, Canning Road, Harrow, Middx HA3 75 J
This game can be played wuh a foysuck or keyboard. It requires you to maintata $\#$ cluster of healihy cells agautse attacking cancerous ones

## As yot move around the

 scren you leave behand a iraul, of heaithy celis, but they only sarwive of they are next to fous hearthy ones.The wandering cancerous cells can quikkly break up your large groups unto small ctusters which then wither eway. In fact, so quikly, that If found the game frustrating and equally quickly lost interest

The screen display is clear and makes use of customused
characters for the cells. At the top of the screen is displayed, the number of healihy cetls remainang, the current score and the higtiest score

You can oblan some respite from the onslaughi of the loostle cells by finng off a dose of radıation, but you have limited supplies

Although the unstruction card that cornes wilh the game is quite clear 1 think some younger chaldret will find at hard so ap.
preciate the mechanies.
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10 00SuB220
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30 IFM&="2"THEND=D+1
35 IFD<OTHEND=0
40 P0=7680+1+22, m PC=3日728+PO
45 IFPEEK(PD+1)=43THENSC=SC+10.LEL+1 POKEVO-2,246
POKEYO-2,0
50 IFL-15THENOOSUR22O ONTOL5
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65 POKEPM,42 POKEPC, 2+8
70 POKEPO+1,87 POKEPC+1,6+8
75 POKEVO-4.120 POKEVO-4,8
80 FORT-1TOBO NEXT
B5 POKEPO,32 POKEP0+1,32
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95 NEXT
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120 00SUB380
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135 JFRt="N"TMENRETURN
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175 GOTO170
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185 PRINT"MU OHEN YNU HAVE SWEPT 15 MINES,YOU MOU
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195 PRINT"WOU HIT A MINE
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205 GETR" \FR$=" "THENRETURN
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210 cotoz85

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220 SN-SW+1 PRINTCHR$(142)"IMOMNAR MINE SWEFPFR"
220 SN-SW+1 PRINTCHR$(142)"IMOMNAR MINE SWEFPFR"
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223 FORTY=128T0255 POKFVD-3.TV.NEXT POKEVO-3.ด
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227 POKE646,5+8
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227 POKE646,5+8

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235 PRINT": *T*
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245 PRINT*//////I/| | NWIMIMI".
250 PRINT"/1/1//1/ | \lWlll"
250 PRINT"/1/1//1/ | \lWlll"
255 PRINT*//1/1// | |いい\\"
255 PRINT*//1/1// | |いい\\"
260 FMRJM1TOS0
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260 FMRJM1TOS0

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278 V=TNT(RND(1)\#14)

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278 V=TNT(RND(1)#14)
275 CO=INT(RHD(1)年)+1
275 CO=INT(RHD(1)年)+1
298 Z=7680+X+2z%4
298 Z=7680+X+2z%4
285 POKEZ,41+CO FOKE2+3@T20,CO NEXT
285 POKEZ,41+CO FOKE2+3@T20,CO NEXT
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II is unsusual to find ore, tel alone iwo programs which actuslly have worse genuine practical use in the home Designed promarily for use by women, these iwo could be of educational value for the whole〈аmuly
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of the first day of at least the las! three cycles have to be entered to estimate future dales. There is no way to store any data, so this informalion has to be fe-entered each tume the program is ased
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\section*{SPEETRUM PROGRAM}

\section*{What＇s the score？Over to you and your computer}


Al last the crishel score book can be made redundant
buperbeore is a cricket scoring program for the 48 K Spectrum． A scoreboard is displayed．Inpul is by surgle lellers or numbers us ng INkEYS Intormation on each innings is tetamed and can be vewed
A list of ala mintructions is am cluded in the program．the pro－ gram can score in any limued over，one innangs，or two mangs match

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POKE 2360，30 produce a beep wher i key is pressed．
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POKE 23658，\({ }^{\text {E }}\) switches on capstock

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> Don＇t be stumped for the latest score．Simon Edwards＇ Superscore program for the 48K Spectrum will bowl them over at the local cricket club．Or you could try to catch out TV＇s computer
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The progran can be used to keep a record of the score when listening to the encket on the radio．You could try and out perform the Honeywell compuler used on TV，if you have a spare sel．I also use Superscore to keep a record of the game of Howzthat

Alternatively you could take your computer to your locat cricket club to mpress them with your electrontc wizardry

The program can be SAVEd In mid－game（use command S） which will also save all the variables．Jo make a copy of the program wathoul varabibles type i when the scoreboard is displayed

With each game you will be asked whether you wish to counl each batll If you reply \(Y\) then you must type 0 when no run is scored from a ball．If you reply N then vou must remember to type 0 al the end of each over．When a cur

sor appears remember 10 press the ENTER key after you have typed the required information．

Note that the dois in the listing should be entered as Graphics A．

\section*{SPEGTRUM PROGRAM}





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\section*{SPIETRUM PROGRAM}

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Take a scroll, and add a
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Scroling is a mdely used term in computing, but what exactly does it mean.?
Well, put the cursor of your computer on the bottom line and press RETURN. The whole screen shifts up one line, leaving a blank one at the bottom.
This is nol true scrolling - the amage you now see is unmoved in physical localion. Just the data has been moved and you are stil) lookng at the same memory locathons

A true scroll is achueved by using the screen as a window, and then moying that window. The "cheat" scroll 18 implemented because it is cheap on memory and quick.

However, what if you have several set screens of information/mages to display, \(s\) in menu-driven program?

On most computers the answer is to set the dara up in free RAM, then when required copy it anto the dedicaled screen RAM. One the Alarl this is not necessary.

The display list descripion I gave in an earlier article was basic putline. Here, we will go into further detal.
The display list 15 a set of instructions for ANTIC, the video CPU. Setung bit 6 or, in other words, adding 64 to an instruction turns it into an LMS - Load Memory Scan

The ANTIC chpp then uses the next lwo bytes as an address where it cun find the screen memory. Try this

The display list ser up by BASIC mode 0 holds iss LMS operands in the 4th and Sth bytes. There is a problem wath the LMS, in that 1 cannot cope with more than one 4 K block of memory in one go. For hagher resolution screens, or to cross 4K, more LMS instructoms are needed. So what?

So, by POK EIng the address of the screen RAM we want into the LMS operand, we can unstantly change screen - techmque known as page flipping.

Delete line 30 and add thss.


Make sure there is somethung on the top and bottom lines of the screen, then run thas. The whole screen should "scroll" one line The extraline pulled in at the bortom is inaccessible, and there is a non-visible line at the top of the screen

This is because the operatng system refuses to acknowledge the change. The only way round

\title{
We go into the Atari's ANTIC chip with Marc Freebury to find out how to flip pages and use fine scrolling
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thas ts to avoid using PRINT or such slamements as PLOT, and keep to PEEK and PORE

Page lipping is an impressive animation rool. The ability to change the whole screen in an unstant lends itiself particularly to targe scale object movement. TJ this:

This shows the speed af which BASIC can operate - movng 4u characters almost faster than the cye can perceive. This also shows up a disadvantage of page= 17rpping

Thus short program uses even scrents, of about 65 K . Thus the number of pages to be flippled belween, and the resolution of those pages will have to be offset agamss the momoun of memon avallable

Page fipping also falls to allow a smooth progression - Iranstion is instantancous. For the mertu, this is great, bul for games if is less than ideal un certain circumsances.

Sometimes we will want to move over a playing area larger than the screen. Although the LMS operand can be marupulated in steps of one byie, the screen is assumed to be 40 characters by 24 lines, and dara not of that widih wall not be displayed correctly Therefore we are forced anto copying the data to the scteen.

In the and then, the manipulauon is useful in some asiances Iry desugning a complex "froni page" for your game, then switchmg unstantly to H. Most commercial games do thus and it is very effective.

However, the problems with the format of the data will prevent large scaie use of this rechnique from BASIC.

Now that we understand the principle of the LMS in dısplay lists, we can go further into the
uses of the ANTIC instruction set

The various bis 0-7 on an AN.「IC instruction byie invoke varıous operaltons. For example, bu 6 indicares an LMS, and comtinations of bits \(0-3\) give the graphics modes avalable; in Basic modes 0.11 arnd to the operalang system 0-15. What then of the oiner bis?

We are going to examune birs 4 and 5 . When the computer stores the mage of acharacter, 50 that 4 can display it on the screen, it stores it as a sequence of eight bytes, each byte conlaunng one row of the character. The Alan has the unbult capability of moving any or all mode lunes in increments of one of these buts (1e left and right one dot) and in incremenis of one of these bytes (te up and downi).

The capability extends to all modes, bat is most easily explasned and demonstrated using mode 0
first, we intorm the computer of the lones we wish to use this Fine-scrolling on, and whether it will be left/right, up/down or boht

Bit 5 enables vertical scrolling. brt 4 enables homzontal scrolling Gencrally we wadl want to scroll the whole screen but we also leave the top line (the one combined whth the L.MS) as a buffer!

Now. the amount of fine-scrols each line takes will depend upon the value we poke inio focation 54277 - the vertical scroal register. If it was not zeroio stari with, and you run the above, you might notice a "shaft" in the screen Don'l worty. Type PORE 54277.0 and everythug should be normal. The screen can be scrolled by up to 15 dots, that is two BASIC mode 0 lines. Try this

1 IST the program, then run it. lmpressed? Now delete line 60 and add this
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\section*{Agan, List and RLN.}

To gann a contmuous finescroll, we just finescroll the one line then reset the finescroll to zero and coarse scroll. Thus, delete lines 30 onwards and use this


It doesn'l quite work, does u? That shart ferk is annoying, and even in thachine-code if cannot be removed (I've fried).
So what we do is manipulare the LMS to move the dispiayed screen one line forward. Agana thas is a techmque betier suated to machune code bul from BASIC we can show the principle

Change and add the following .nes:

The stitght flicker in this can be ironed out in machine code Horizonal finescrollang has the added problem that the lines on the screen are contiguous memory locations, so sf you scroll one in the maddle alone, what comes on at the edgc? The answer is that the characters from the lune above/bulow comes on to fill the tap, and as a resulf the whole screen gets thrown out of jime.
Thus can be demonsirated by changug the 34 in tine 20 to a 50 . We are now semtung both horiantal and veracal finescroling. Register Horizomal Scroll at location \(\$ 4276\) controls the amount
To correct the displacemen probem, weeen data nust be itrranged and retrieved in lines of grealer width than one normal ilne. So, to do thus, we POKE tocalion 559 , register DMACTL, with 35 . This means that ANJIC will now pull 48 locations per line instead of 40 .

It also means that you whit have to organse your anformation accordingly. Now the rough edges are not displayed on screen and scrolling un boih directions ap pears smooth.
For the best example of finescralline, try getting a look at Eastern Frons 1941 from the Atari Program Exchange

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A mice "early learner" program There are two parts to thiss pri gram and you can choose which you require
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lyy pressing the next letier (B) a new piclute (a bus) is drawn and the name wrilten up. This contthnues throughoul the alphabel, a useful trainer program for very youing ihree-plus chisdren
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\section*{Facemoker BBC \(32 \mathrm{~K} £ 9.95\)}

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There are also no sliernalues for age or colour/ethanc type. so 11. would not really be of greal value in mulurethns schools. In fact the question of value is a

\section*{Hide \& Seek BBC 32K £9.95}

ASK, London House, 68 Lpper Richmond Road, London SWIS libsed on the ofd familar sames of H.de \& Seck, Pelmanisim and kim's Game, this program's overall am 15 memory traming, and it succeeds very well indeed. Fhere are thtee games ustaly with more than ore differtly
teved, so the progrann will span ! large age range
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The most outsianding fealure of the progras is the number and vanety of the grapitue shapes presented. They are just the faght blee and are very easbly fecognisatie The mariructions are to the high standard that thas company usually preserts
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\section*{COMMOBORE 5 PR POCRAM}

\section*{Will you survive to reach the underwater city?}


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The idea is to guide your ship through narrowing caverns to the underuater chly using the follou mg keys
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\section*{Take up the challenge of Clive Wright's game for the Commodore 64. It's addictive and makes good use of sprites and graphics}


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\section*{SOFTWARE REVIEWS}

\section*{Frosiger TRS-80 Models | and III E14}

Microdeal, 41 Truro Road, St Ausletl, Cornwall PL25 5JE

Thus game is also avaulable on disc for an extra E 2 , Both versions are joystuck compalıble, and can provide sound through an appropriate ampisfer.

There's a slandard road-andriver scenarios, whth the added hatard of crocodtles and snakes in the river
The producers have done their best to make the most of
the TRS-80's limeted graphis and have provided a haintins soundirack. It's a real pult that the machine doesn't asou co. our. The screen is very crowd ed, and It does take a white to recognise some of the ob,ets
Hayrg sald that, i enjoued the game, and loand it mac! more playable once I had go accustomed to tening crocodiles apatt from logs
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\title{
Games to catch you on the hop
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\section*{If you're hopping mad, these games are for you - they're all based on the Frogger theme.}

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\section*{Croaker BBC B E7.95}

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> Super Frogger T1-99/4A (Extended sagie) \(E 13\)

By Norton Soflwaye, from Stantess Software. 10 Alstone Road, Stockporl

The game begins wath the ques aon: Do you want to pay the Advanced game? if you answer \(Y\) you're then asked for the password, which of course you don't know unless you got it by praying sufficiently well as the non-advanced game
This latler is slow to starl. although the graphics are quite good and colourful. You guide
your frog aursos a bust road followed by splan free guidance across a siver va Jogs/barges/etc. The ousas ona crocodile may be thrown in for good measure.

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\section*{Frogger 64 commodore 64 E7}

Inlerceptor Micros, Lindon House, The Green, Tadley, Hants.

Aparl from frog, road, and rsver complete with logs and
turles, wither objects on the lans nome bugs birange th hes areen are alligators, worns. irnousies, lady froges and flies The graphices for all of theye are of an extremely high standard It would have been beiter. however, if the frog moted smoothly rather than Hasthy from one place 10 athother
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In my previous article 1 demonsirated how multicoloured displays may be obtanned on the Oric－1 in TEXT mode

Many of the pincuples describ－ ed in that article can be appled to Oris＇s HIRFS mode，but there are a number of differences

So，although this arucle ams 10 show how high resolution col our displays can be obsamed on the Oric，I＇ll slart by re－capping on the principles developed last tillue

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The lower address corresponds to the tops Jeft screen postuon，the higher ts the battorn right post non．Eath byte correpponds to orte tharacter square of the screen dispitay of 28 rows of 40 ＊haracters．The first two waracters of each sow are the al－ ribules for PAPLR and INk vitrobules have bste values ber ween 0 and 2：

Ihe remainder of the row can enloge be characters tbyte valuev netween 32 and 127 ，and 160 and 255）．or more altribules

The firsi two attribules in the row detine the foreground and backeround colours for the whole row unless，in progresing right acros，the row another at ribute is encountered．Al thos pount，the new colour lakes over
Atributes appear as tpates on the screen

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As the value 60 is PONE de quentatly into the display file． the address to whach the value is placed is pranted on the TEXT porison of the screen

\title{
The easy way to hi－res colour with your Oric
}

\section*{In another article on handling the Oric＇s screen display，David Nowotnik shows how to get high－resolution colour，with routines you can try}


The demonstration thould whow two things．One byte in HIRLS mode stores the dor pal tern lor one row of 4ax dots．And． the doplaty file starts al the top Eett of the screen．and works its way anross the sereen；alter tu by tes（or \(40 \times 6=240\) dotit）the next byte（ 41000 starts on the lelt of the second row－and so on down the sureen
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\(10 \mathrm{~N}[\mathrm{XT}]\)
You should get thin rous of colour on the screen In it PAPER 4，and you II get mav wik block of colour．Add the line 35 POkEl＋20．RND（1）＊8＋ 16 and RUN again Yous get than colour lines agam，but thecolour， change half way along the row Lane 30 POKEs the background colout atrributes down the lef1 hand sude of the screen

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The Elt．L．Command ciat be used mstead of POKE，FLILL el lectuvel POA bes a number into a specalied block of bytes．The top left posation of the block used by FILL is the cursor position．Tr） 10 HJRIS
20 FII．L 20．10，6i）
This will Fll． 1 a block 10 col － umms across，and 20 rows down will the dot pattern appropriate to the value 60．The block is posi tsoned at the lop left of the sereen， as the cursor stares al this posi tion \(N o w\), add a batc 15CLRSET 20，20．0
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\section*{VIC-20 PROGRAM}

\section*{variables}

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\(\mathbf{R}(\mathrm{I})\) order of characters th ana gram
st(i) specified characters in anagram
\(\boldsymbol{P}(\mathrm{l})\) position of specified characters

G(I) array tocheck the characters in abagram makh characters in word
Al number of leiters in word I.P eharacters in spestied anagram

Impress your frsends, offend your enemies. Just lel my program toose on their names and 11 will generate several good - or numpy - anagrams
It could also be used for semı serrous applicalons such as 'rabble, crosswords and compellions.
Type it into an unexpanded \K-20 and the 1atce "Anagram" athpears and is randomly rearranged untul \(C\) is presued
you are then avked to enter your word/s, which can be up to 20 characters long

I he program recognases spaces, as characters and ut's a good idea to inchute some spaces as thas tends to generale the best alldgrams.

Now sil back, watch the screen and lel unspration hat you. The computer does the work and it's lar etisler than fiddliog with Strabrle tiles
If you see a letter grouping whichappeals to you press S. You cath then enter this groupment anywhere in the andsgat and the computer will buld round II

When you have an atddgram you like you can SA V上 H, plus is more. When wou have limshed. termmate the program and the compuler will hist your chosen Jllagrians
I have writen the program in no-frills"' BASIC, avouding PEFKs and POKFs, to allow ceasy contverson. It w. II also run on is Commodore Pr I

\section*{Find words you never knew existed}

\section*{See what your computer can do with words. Bryn Phillips wrote Ancigram for the unexpanded vic-20, but it will easily convert to other micros}

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There might alwo be difterences in some of the string handling commands, but otherwise con verston should be stralghtforward

\section*{Hints an conversion}



\section*{SPEETNUM PROCRAM}

\section*{Have you got what it takes to face the giant spiders? \\ How wherks-}

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\section*{If you can't stand spiders you'll hate the man-eaters in this Spectrum program by Clyde Bish. Why not grit your teeth and type it in?}



Hinls on conversion 2X81 users could replace the user-defing graphics wath avalable symbols, e.g graphic A for the ponds etc.n and use tho DF.CC systems variable to detect the code of the chosen symbols in pace of ATTR
fo hetp users of other tastcs The INh/PAPFR colours are 0 black, 1 blue, 4 green, 5 cyan. ATJR detects sereen atiribule at PRINT postiton down across), 22 green paper/black mik (man), 37 green paper/cyan ank (pond)

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